

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
B	87



4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



n Lexington
ress 2001 Mass. Ave.
e Francis E. Ballard House
ent use Rectory of St. Brigid's Church

ent owner St. Brigid's Church

ription:

1893

ource Lexington Minute Man, June 16, 1893

Queen Anne

Architect Hartwell + Richardson (?)
C.H. Meade, Builder

Exterior wall fabric Aluminium siding

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Composite roof - 3 chimneys
(2 ridge-central & side; both with ornaments
brick patterns) (Over)

Altered porch removed Date ?

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 70'

Approximate distance of building from street
25'

6. Recorded by Ruth Beebe

Organization _____

Date 9/16/75

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Francis Ballard

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Details (cont): 1 chimney in rear-Front ^{dormer} ~~gable~~ with 3 small, narrow windows - 2 front towers (1 hexagonal, 1 rounded) Front door off center (stick work on glass) -Double bay on left side (overhang, corner brackets over lower window in bay) - Bay on right - stone foundation stone foundation supports deck in front-Deck added in rear (cement block room underneath)

Previously on site - old Chas. Robinson place -
Sold to Francis Ballard by H. G. Worth in 1892.

Minute-man Sept 2, 1892

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Form No:

Property Name: 2001 Massachusetts Ave

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in the 1890s by Francis Edward Ballard. Formerly it had wrap-around porch and was considered one of the showplaces of Lexington until its mutilation by the owner, Merlin Ladd, about 1951 or 1952, at which time the porch was removed and vertical boarding installed on the bay. (Aluminum siding may have been installed at this time.)

The Ballard family came to Lexington in 1871 (see Hudson, Volume II, p. 20) and first lived in a house (now razed) that stood where the driveway into Lexington Gardens, 93 Hancock Street, now is. The family was very prominent in Lexington, various members being active in Scouting, Field and Garden Club, First Parish Church, and town affairs.

The contractor for the building was C.H. Meade of Boston (Lexington Minute Man, June 16, 1893). When constructed, the house was painted "an attractive combination of salmon tint and cream color" (Lexington Minute Man, October 6, 1893).

The building has some characteristics of a design by Hartwell and Richardson: polygonal and semicircular turrets with peaked roofs and a steep roof pitch. The architects had recently designed the Hancock School and the A.E. Scott mansion in town and perhaps the Ballards also sought their services.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984
Anne Grady, 1984

Staple to Inventory form at bottom